

Illinois, Senator PAUL SIMON. He has worked tirelessly with others to promote desalination research, technologies, and demonstrations. This legislation will help to do that, and as a result advance environmentally protective water conservation, reuse, and efficiency policies.

Second, I should clarify the role of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding S. 811 and our committee's intent regarding the Army Corps of Engineers. In order to expedite consideration of S. 811, our committee agreed to be discharged. We also agreed to the revisions made by the Resources Committee to limit the scope of the bill to the programs and authorities of the Secretary of the Interior. In no way should this be construed as a statement of congressional policy that the Department of the Interior is the only appropriate or most appropriate Federal entity to carry out desalination research, development, and demonstrations.

In fact, at the request of the leadership of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the leadership of the Resources Committee included in the manager's amendment a specific requirement to consult with the Corps of Engineers on activities carried out under the act and included a statement that authorizations in this act are not intended to affect other agency programs or authorizations. I appreciate the cooperation of the Resources Committee and their acknowledgment that the Corps of Engineers has experience and expertise in desalination research, development, and demonstration.

I also congratulate the gentlelady from California, Representative ANDREA SEASTRAND, for her involvement in shaping and improving this bill. At her suggestion and based on the experience of the city of Santa Barbara, the manager's amendment includes specific references to key areas for desalination research.

Again, I thank my colleagues on the Resources Committee, as well as the Science Committee, for their efforts and cooperation and urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. FARR of California. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I urge an "aye" vote.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 811, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those present having voted in favor therefore) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies regarding the desalination of water and water reuse, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the Senate bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

DAVID H. PRYOR POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3877) to designate the U.S. Post Office building in Camden, AR, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3877

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DAVID H. PRYOR POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States Post Office building located at 351 West Washington Street in Camden, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "David H. Pryor Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "David H. Pryor Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the legislation before us, H.R. 3877 was unanimously approved as amended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 3877 designates the United States Post Office building located at 351 Washington Street in Camden, AR, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building". The amendment simply corrects the address and makes stylistic changes to make this bill conform with other Post Office naming bills passed by the House. H.R. 3877 as amended designates the United States Post Office building located at 351 West Washington Street in Camden, AR, as the "David H. Pryor Post Office Building" and makes necessary changes to the title of the bill.

This is purely a post office naming bill and, as the United States Postal Service is off budget, there would be no budgetary implication. The Congressional Budget Office has informed the committee that the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. Additionally, the legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The original bill was introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr.

DICKEY] and was cosponsored by the entire House Delegation from the State of Arkansas, pursuant to committee policy.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 3877 honors Senator DAVID H. PRYOR who served as former Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, and currently serves as that panel's ranking minority member. His other committee assignments include: Agriculture, Finance, and Aging.

The Senator is a favorite son of the city of Camden, the county seat of Ouachita, AR—having been born and raised there. He was founder, publisher and editor of the Ouachita Citizen from 1957–61. He earned his law degree at the University of Arkansas and was a practicing attorney from 1964–66. Ouachita County elected him to the State legislature in 1960 at age 26. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966. In 1972 he ran for the Senate but was defeated in a runoff by John McClellan. However, he was elected Governor of Arkansas in 1974 and in 1976. DAVID PRYOR won the U.S. Senate seat in 1978 and has retained it for three terms. He has announced his retirement from elective office at the end of this term.

As a matter of record, Madam Speaker, the aldermen of the city of Camden passed a resolution "on behalf of each and every resident of the community expressing appreciation to the Honorable DAVID H. PRYOR for his devotion and dedication to the citizens of this community in the performance of this public service during the terms of his various elected capacities."

Madam Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 3877 as amended, a bill to honor a former Member of this body, Senator DAVID H. PRYOR, who has spent the major part of this life in service to our country and to his community of Camden, AR.

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Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would like to express my support for H.R. 3877, as amended, which designates the U.S. Post Office in Camden, Arkansas, as the David H. Pryor Post Office Building. It is cosponsored by the Arkansas delegation and is a fitting honor and duly notes the political contributions of this dedicated public servant, DAVID PRYOR.

DAVID PRYOR is considered one of the most influential advocates in Washington for older Americans. Starting in 1989, he served for 6 years as chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging and now serves as the top ranking Democrat on that committee. He also is a nationally recognized leader in the fight to save the Social Security system, to reform our nursing home industry, to bring down prescription drug prices and to make government institutions preserve the essential dignity of the senior citizens in this country.